# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a Committee set up to evaluate the staffing and management of DD and AIR has recommended reducing the staff strength and freezing hirings in their engineering sections for the next five years;

(b) if so, the details of the Committee recommendations; and

(c) the Government`s reaction thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ )

(a) & (b): The Committee setup to carry out a comprehensive review of Prasar Bharati has, inter alia, recommended that the engineering function in the organization is to move towards much smaller transmission organization, shedding at least 75% of its number in a time-bound manner. The Committee has further observed that on any operational criteria, certain functions are grossly over-staffed while others need more people and, therefore, a thorough independent review of staffing is recommended. It has also recommended that for the next five years, vacancies in all Engineering Cadres, other than IB(E)S, should not be filled.A copy of the Report of the Committee is available on Ministry`s Website: mib.nic.in.

(c): Report of the Committee is being examined.